

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Scissors for surgical purposes, comprising:
 - two branches pivotable relative to one another,
 - a cutting section with a cutting edge provided at a front end of each branch,
 - a handle section provided at a rear end of each branch, and
 - a metal foil joined to the cutting section of at least one of the branches, said metal foil lying flat on an inner surface of the cutting section facing the cutting section of the opposite branch and extending at least at a cutting edge end of the inner surface as far as one of the cutting edge end or projecting slightly over the cutting edge end, and an edge of the metal foil arranged at the cutting edge end of the inner surface forming the cutting edge of the inner surface,wherein:
 - the metal foil has a thickness of between 0.05 and 0.4 mm; and
 - the metal foil is adhesively bonded to the inner surface of the branch.
2. (Original) Scissors in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the metal foil consists of spring steel.
3. (Original) Scissors in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the metal foil consists of a metal with a high degree of hardness.
4. (Original) Scissors in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the metal foil is a punched part.
5. (Original) Scissors in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the metal foil is a punched part.
6. (Original) Scissors in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the metal foil is a laser-cut part.

7. (Original) Scissors in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the metal foil is a wire-eroded part.
8. (Currently amended) Scissors in accordance with Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 33, wherein the metal foil is adhesively bonded to the inner surface of the branch.
9. (Previously presented) Scissors in accordance with Claim 1, wherein a thermally polymerizable adhesive is arranged between the metal foil and the inner surface.
10. (Previously presented) Scissors in accordance with Claim 1, wherein a hot-melt adhesive is arranged between the metal foil and the inner surface.
11. (Previously presented) Scissors in accordance with Claim 1, wherein a double-sided adhesive surface is arranged between the metal foil and the inner surface.
12. (Cancelled).
13. (Currently amended) Scissors in accordance with Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 33, wherein the metal foil is joined to the inner surface of the branch by injecting material of the branch around the metal foil.
14. (Currently amended) Scissors in accordance with Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 37, wherein the metal foil is joined to the inner surface of the branch by injecting material of the branch around the metal foil.
15. (Previously presented) Scissors in accordance with Claim 13, wherein the metal foil carries projections on a side thereof facing the inner surface of the branch, which projections dip into the material of the branch.

16. (Previously presented) Scissors in accordance with Claim 14, wherein the metal foil carries projections on a side thereof facing the inner surface of the branch, which projections dip into the material of the branch.
17. (Original) Scissors in accordance with Claim 15, wherein the projections comprise undercuts.
18. (Original) Scissors in accordance with Claim 15, wherein the projections are distributed in an irregular manner over the metal foil.
19. (Currently amended) Scissors in accordance with Claim ~~[[13]]~~ 15, wherein the projections are formed by a layer of adhesive applied electrolytically to the metal foil.
20. (Currently amended) Scissors in accordance with Claim ~~[[13]]~~ 15, wherein the projections consist of nickel.
21. (Currently amended) Scissors in accordance with Claim ~~[[13]]~~ 15, wherein the projections are formed by the metal foil undergoing an etching treatment.
22. (Currently amended) Scissors in accordance with Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 33, wherein the metal foil and the inner surface of the branch are joined together by hot-stamping.
23. (Original) Scissors in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the edge forming the cutting edge of the metal foil comprises projections and recesses lying adjacent one another.
24. (Original) Scissors in accordance with Claim 23, wherein the projections and recesses are tooth-shaped.

25. (Previously presented) Scissors in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the inner surface has projections raised in a direction towards the opposite branch, which projections engage in cutouts in the metal foil and thereby position the metal foil on the inner surface.

26. (Previously presented) Scissors in accordance with Claim 25, wherein one of said projections is arranged at an edge of the inner surface opposite the cutting edge.

27. (Previously presented) Scissors in accordance with Claim 26, wherein the projection extends parallel to the edge of the inner surface over part of the length of the edge.

28. (Previously presented) Scissors in accordance with Claim 25, wherein one of said projections is arranged at a handle section end of the inner surface.

29. (Previously presented) Scissors in accordance with Claim 28, wherein the projection converges in a direction towards a front end of the inner surface.

30. (Original) Scissors in accordance with Claim 28, wherein the projection is of wedge-shaped design.

31. (Original) Scissors in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the inner surfaces are of concave shape and the cutting sections of the two branches are resiliently pressed against one another.

32. (Original) Scissors in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the cutting sections have a setting.

33. (Currently amended) Scissors ~~in accordance with Claim 1, wherein~~ for surgical purposes, comprising:

two branches pivotable relative to one another,

a cutting section with a cutting edge provided at a front end of each branch,

a handle section provided at a rear end of each branch, and
a metal foil joined to the cutting section of at least one of the branches, said metal foil
lying flat on an inner surface of the cutting section facing the cutting section of the opposite
branch and extending at least at a cutting edge end of the inner surface as far as one of the cutting
edge end or projecting slightly over the cutting edge end, and an edge of the metal foil arranged
at the cutting edge end of the inner surface forming the cutting edge of the inner surface,

wherein:

the metal foil has a thickness of between 0.05 and 0.4 mm; and
the branches consist of a plastic material.

34. (Currently amended) Scissors in accordance with Claim [[1]] 33, wherein the plastic material is reinforced with fibers.

35. (Previously presented) Scissors in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the respective inner surfaces of the branches extend with the metal foil in a direction towards the respective handle sections beyond a pivot connection of the branches.

36. (Previously presented) Scissors in accordance with Claim 35, wherein the pivot connection is arranged in a middle part of the inner surfaces provided with the metal foil.

37. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 33, wherein the metal foil consists of spring steel.

38. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 33, wherein the metal foil consists of a metal with a high degree of hardness.

39. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 33, wherein the metal foil is a punched part.

40. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 37, wherein the metal foil is a punched part.

41. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 33, wherein the metal foil is a laser-cut part.
42. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 33, wherein the metal foil is a wire-eroded part.
43. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 33, wherein the edge forming the cutting edge of the metal foil comprises projections and recesses lying adjacent one another.
44. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 43, wherein the projections and recesses are tooth-shaped.
45. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 33, wherein the inner surface has projections raised in a direction towards the opposite branch, which projections engage in cutouts in the metal foil and thereby position the metal foil on the inner surface.
46. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 45, wherein one of said projections is arranged at an edge of the inner surface opposite the cutting edge.
47. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 46, wherein the projection extends parallel to the edge of the inner surface over part of the length of the edge.
48. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 45, wherein one of said projections is arranged at a handle section end of the inner surface.
49. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 48, wherein the projection converges in a direction towards a front end of the inner surface.
50. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 48, wherein the projection is of wedge-shaped design.

51. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 33, wherein the inner surfaces are of concave shape and the cutting sections of the two branches are resiliently pressed against one another.

52. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 33, wherein the cutting sections have a setting.

53. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 33, wherein the respective inner surfaces of the branches extend with the metal foil in a direction towards the respective handle sections beyond a pivot connection of the branches.

54. (New) Scissors in accordance with Claim 53, wherein the pivot connection is arranged in a middle part of the inner surfaces provided with the metal foil.